

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Llew Jones, on January 12, 2017 at 2:34 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Lea Whitford (D)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

#### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 1, 1/9/2017; SB 57, 1/9/2017

**HEARING ON HB 1**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:39 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 1, Feed Bill.

Sen. Sesso, Sen. Caferro and Sen. Howard entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:03:10 Susan Byorth Fox, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:47 Sen. Sesso  
00:04:22 Rep. Ballance  
00:04:36 Sen. Sesso  
00:05:03 Rep. Ballance  
00:06:18 Sen. Sesso  
00:07:09 Ms. Fox, LSD  
00:07:45 Sen. Sesso  
00:08:31 Ms. Fox  
00:09:49 Sen. Sesso  
00:10:34 Julie Johnson, LSD  
00:11:25 Chairman Jones

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:31 Sen. Ballance

**HEARING ON SB 57**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:11 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 57, Clarify highway patrol funding sources and increase certain registration fees.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:49 Rep. Frank Garner, HD 7

**EXHIBIT(fcs09a01)**

00:17:07 Tom Butler, Montana Highway Patrol

**EXHIBIT(fcs09a02)**

00:20:55 Dustin Lerette, Association of Montana Troopers

[EXHIBIT](#)(fcs09a03)

00:22:52 Quint Nyman, Montana Public Employees Association and representing Bruce  
Spencer, Allstate Insurance Company

00:23:19 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance Companies

00:23:44 Jon Metropoulos, Farmers Insurance and American Insurance Alliance

00:24:01 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana

00:24:36 Mark Murphy, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police

00:25:00 Aimee Grmoljez, Property Casualty Insurance Association

00:25:18 Rebecca Sturdevant, representing herself

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:26:30 Sen. Blasdel

00:27:20 Chairman Jones

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:01 PM

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT**([fcs09aad.pdf](#))